City of Eugene Human Rights Commission



The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all City of Eugene programs and throughout the wider community.

To carry out this mission the commission shall affirm, encourage and initiate programs and services within the City of Eugene and in the wider community designed to place priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To support and promote human rights, the commission will: provide human rights education, be proactive in human rights efforts, address human rights violations, ensure active public participation, be transparent and open, and be publicly accountable for human rights progress.

<u>Human Rights Commissioners</u>: Andrew Thomson Chair, Chris Nunes Vice Chair, Richie Weinman, Ken Neubeck, Jennifer Frenzer, Edward Goehring, Philip Carrasco, Mary Clayton, Arun Toke, Debra Merskin, Greg Evans

Equity and Human Rights Office staff: Michael Kinnison, Lindsey Foltz

The Human Rights Commission typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

5:30 – 7:30 PM Meeting

Atrium Building, Sloat Room, 99 W. 10th Avenue, Eugene Contact: Lindsey Foltz, 541-682-5619, lindsey.m.foltz@ci.eugene.or.us

<u>ITEM</u>	TIME ON T	<u>l'ASK</u>
1. Welcome from Chair, Agenda/Minutes Review	5 minutes	(5:30 pm)
2. Public Comment	10 minutes	(5:35 pm)
3. Support Requests	5 minutes	(5:45 pm)
4. Councilor Greg Evans Liaison Report	10 minutes	(5:50 pm)
5. Work Plan Finalization	75 minutes	(6:00 pm)
6. Staff Update – Campaign and Election Law	10 Minutes	(7:15 pm)
7. Meeting Adjourned	7:30pm	

Upcoming events, activities or meetings the HRC needs to be aware of:

International Day of Peace/Peace Week: September 14-21

Next HRC Meeting: September 16, 2014

The Eugene Human Rights Commission welcomes your interest in these agenda items. This meeting location is wheelchair accessible. For the hearing impaired, FM-assistive listening devices are available or an interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. Spanish-language interpretation will also be provided with 48 hours' notice. To arrange for these services, contact staff at (541) 682-5177.

La Comisión de Derechos Humanos agradece su interés por participar en los asuntos de esta agenda. El local de la reunión tiene acceso para personas en silla de ruedas. Para las personas con dificultades auditivas ofrecemos sistemas FM para ayudarlo a escuchar, o intérpretes de lenguaje de señas. También ofrecemos intérpretes de español. Si necesita cualquiera de estos servicios por favor solicítelos con 48 horas de anticipación, llamando al (541) 682-5177.

MINUTES

Eugene Human Rights Commission Equity and Human Rights Office – 99 West 10th Avenue Eugene, Oregon

June 17, 2014 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Thomson, Ken Neubeck, Chris Nunes, David Van Der Haeghen, Debra

Merskin, Arun Toke, Mary Clayton, Philip Carrasco, commissioners; Michael

Kinnison, staff

ABSENT: Councilor Greg Evans

The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to promote implementation of human rights values and principles in al City of Eugene programs and throughout the wider community.

To carry out this mission the commission shall affirm, encourage, and initiate programs and services within the City of Eugene and the wider community designed to place priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To support and promote human rights, the commission will: provide human rights education, be proactive in human rights efforts, address human rights violations, ensure active public participation, be transparent and open, and be publicly accountable for human rights progress.

1. **Welcome from Chair/Agenda Review and Adjustment** – Commenced at 5:30 pm

Andrew moved to approve agenda, seconded by Debra, unanimously approved.

Richie moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Ken, unanimously approved.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Support Requests

Pride – Request for waiver of parks rental fee. Received approval for funds for portable toilets in previous application. Edward agreed to be HRC representative at the event. Moved to approve by Richie. Seconded by Deb. Unanimously approved.

BEST – Requested endorsement of their effort. Richie move to endorse, seconded by Edward, approved unanimously.

Columbia Law School HR Institute – Ken explained the Human Rights at Home Campaign and its work to get federal government to share information with other levels of government when USA signs an international human rights treaty and to provide resources to implement provisions of those treaties at the local level. State Department's progress in recognizing human rights issues and their relevance in the US. Campaign is asking for signatories to a letter to Sect of State to support movement in this area. Mayor Piercy has signed on. Request is for HRC to become a signatory. Doesn't commit the Commission to anything. Ken moved to endorse and sign on to letter. Arun seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Work Planning Brainstorm

Mike shared dates and schedule. Chris led discussion on getting ideas on the process. Reviewed last year approach which put previous workplan aside and started from scratch. Propose being more strategic this time and starting with existing work plan and looking at what has been achieved and what group has not been able to get to. Ask what we want to move forward.

Edward – Like idea of starting with existing plan. However, should leave room for some items that were identified as potential topics last year but didn't make it into the work plan. Let's not forget about all the ideas generated.

Mary – How did last couple of work plans compare? Chris – Commission meeting structure changed this year. Every other month were work group meetings. Changed to a monthly business meeting model for current work plan. Arun and Richie preferred current work plan. Arun – consider standing agenda item that focuses on work plan. Ken – We formed work group, recruited community members and focused on homelessness issue. Mike – That was what was envisioned as to how the Commission would approach its work. Ken – Capacity is issue. Can get more done when involving community in the work. Creates connections with community. Richie – Consider referencing how agenda items relate to the work plan. Tracking how work plan is implemented. Help Commission stay focused.

Edward – Frustrating to sign up for lead roles but getting committed to other roles that are consistent with HRC work plan. Important work but no always clear how it relates to work plan. Need to be cognizant of our commitments to other groups and how it is supporting our work.

Andrew – Noticed that we responded to lots of important emerging issues. Is there a way we can leave space for that in our next work plan? Mary – Yes. Can't overload your work plan without acknowledging the need to be able to respond to issues as they arise. Edward – Need to ask does this move the work plan forward. How pressing is the issue? Can get in the way of accomplishing work plan.

Mary – Was the work plan to ambitious? Richie – Better discussion for our work planning. Mike – staff will do that analysis.

Mary – Can we get clarification on delegation of authority to Chair on issues? Mike – Yes. We committed to doing that at last meeting.

Edward – Would like to see Commissioners work with staff to help process information between sessions.

Arun – Could we do 5:30 - 7:30? Richie – Groups have a tendency to fill up their time. Philip – Want to make sure we have time to hear from everyone. Want to be clear at end that all our work was done and we have clear marching orders. Straw poll results – 2 for shorter meeting. Majority in favor of keeping 3 hr. session.

Ken - Reason we didn't have outside facilitator? Mike - No. Just felt staff had capacity.

Chris, Andrew and Mary agreed to assist staff with pre-planning. Staff to coordinate meeting.

5. Staff Update (Environmental Justice Focus Group next mtg. 6/19 2-3:30 pm, Sloat; HRC appointments and thank you to David for service; Paid Sick Leave; CSS Block Party/Fundraiser/BBQ, 7/19, 8-8 pm 1160 Grant St. 683-0836; Peace Week participation)

Deb committed to attending Thursday's focus group meeting. Mike to confirm date/time. Thanked David for his service. Clarified appointments. Paid Sick Leave work sessions. Edward still has interest in doing a media release on this issue. Philip, Chris and Deb interested in helping with that. What support have we agreed to provide to Peace Week? Group is asking for waiver of park fee but not clear in minutes this was approved. Mary – Clarified their itinerary and what is happening at Alton Baker Park at Peace Park. Not interested in library. We previously approved \$200. Want park waiver. Mike – requested they resubmit an application and clarify what they now want

6. Downtown Activity Zone Discussion

Mike – update on discussion at work session.

Richie – Not a HRC issue. Don't think we should weigh in.

Ken – Disagree. Concerned about criminalization of daily life activities. Not many places for people to go at night. Not only homeless committing problems in park. I sent letter as an individual that emphasized we already have laws to regulate antisocial behavior. Don't need to close down public space that punishes everyone. More than overkill. Not good policy. Vast majority of unlicensed dogs are not

downtown. Concerned about people that can't afford to license their dogs. Penalties are large fines and up to one year in jail. Sheltering advocates very opposed to more dogs ending up in the shelters and getting euthanized. Proposals need to be thought through more. Waste of police's time to be checking on dogs.

Jennifer – second Ken's comments. Has noticed efforts to focus on particular behaviors of concern that don't make good public policy sense. How we treat one another in this community is purview of Commission. Obvious that particular groups are being targeted. New laws should be last resort. Puts police in position of criminalization of homelessness. Better to have more social service providers (CAHOOTS) to deal with these issues than law enforcement. Action at plaza today. was to make the point that food carts don't rent entire plaza. Police ruled that they would not trespass participants.

Richie – Don't believe this is about homelessness. It is about behaviors. City has spent a lots of resources to revitalize downtown. Business are downtown again. Fragile mom and pop businesses. Being hurt, not by homeless people, but by behaviors of people. Most are traveling through. Behaviors not conducive to people feeling safe in that area. Intimidating. Dogs and skateboards banned in university area in 90's because of same kind of activity. We should be trying to maintain a positive business environment. Plenty of places for people to gather. Don't have to be at Broadway Plaza. Don't believe this is targeting homeless people.

Philip – All in the language. Appreciate Ken noticing that AIS doesn't even mention homelessness. That is a flag. Not really about dog licensing.

Edward – About socio-economic status. Not sure an issue for HRC. Can see the business perspective. More about who has what rights based on how much money they have.

Ken – Should be doing same think that party patrol does. Focus on the behavior.

Jennifer – As a woman, I'm not afraid of going downtown. Am afraid of the expansion of alcohol based businesses in City. Have been accosted by drunk people downtown at night but not homeless. Gentrification is a bigger problem.

Philip – Worried about this approach expanding to other areas? Richie – This is just about one corner of the downtown. Not about homeless everywhere. Philip – Can we get some statistics to show the magnitude of the problem? Richie – we can invite Police to come to a future meeting.

Andrew – Any action that we want to take? Full incident reports that occur during the time being proposed for closure. Specific to Broadway Plaza. Mike – Will request of EPD.

7. Open Discussion (Homelessness Work Group; MUPTE; agenda prioritization; liaison reports; other announcements)

Andrew shared Mariah Lueng letter. Mike – Have not followed up with Police to get clarification on what arrest was based on. Will get clarification. Commission would like more information before considering action. Philip – Will contact Jewish Federation to see if there is a role for HRC to help mediate. Mike to coordinate with Philip.

Richie – Updated group on meeting with Jerry Lidz, City Attorney, Lt. Erik Klinko, Sgt. Crompton, Richie, Ken and Mike. Explored protected class status for homeless, including homelessness as protected class under Intimidation II and concept of a homeless bill of rights. CA and police did not express outright objections but asked many questions. May not have widespread impacts but provides important symbolic value. All committed to continuing the discussion.

Ken – Music in Meadows was a successful event. Well attended. Concept was to bring neighbors to the meadows to do education on homelessness.

MUPTE – Mike clarified scheduled Council agenda. Philip – Discussed his work with another group on a policy recommendation for oversight (CALC, Bob Bussel, local labor orgs. And others). Will share with HRC to see if this is something the Commission can support.

Edward – PC completed the policy recommending process for anti- bias policing policy. Will include socio-economic status. PC now looking into video monitoring technology for police. Privacy and constitutional issues will be of concern for Commission. PC had a seat in recent Captain hiring process.

Philip – PSO issue. Thinks misrepresented. Wants to support Lorna. Mike – Appreciate his help in connecting with the Latino community and clarifying what the situation is. Will follow up to begin planning how best to do this.



City of Eugene Human Rights Commission FY 2015 Work Plan

2015 Affirmed Work Plan Goals

Go	al 1
	Engage in education, outreach, listening and collaboration fostering respect for social equity, civil and human rights in the community.
Go	al 2
	Maintain strategic HRC liaisons and engage in
	cooperative endeavors with community and with City of Eugene advisory groups that support human rights and social equity.
Go	al 3
	Effectively address selected human rights and social
	equity issue areas of concern to the community and City

Objective 1: Maintain effective relationships; advise and advocate on human rights issues with City Council, other City advisory bodies,					
staff, commu	staff, community organizations and institutions.				
Objective Lead	ds: Andrew Thomson, Chris Nunes	Delegated	Timeline	Events	
Support: Edwa	ard Goehring, Jennifer Frenzer, Phil Carrasco, Arun Toke				
Action 1.1	Advise City Council on human rights issues, advocate for a human rights perspective				
Task 1: □	Deliver report of previous year's work and present new work plan to Council				
Task 2: □	Provide testimony, as needed, to City Council on emerging Human Rights issues				
Task 3: \square	Quarterly meetings between the HRC Chairs and the Mayor				
Action 1.2	Advise City Staff on human rights issues within the City organization, collaborate and educate on human rights perspective				
Task 1: □	Quarterly meetings between the HRC Chairs and the City Manager				
Task 2: □	Advocate for diverse applicant pool within the HRC and other City Departments				
Task 3: □	Participate in or seek opportunities to provide a human rights perspective on planning and/or policy development initiatives.				
Action 1.3	Collaborate with, advise, and educate other City Advisory Bodies on human rights issues				
Task 1: □	Bring the Human Rights perspective to deliberation and action of other advisory bodies				
Task 2: □	Assign and maintain liaisons				
Task 3: □	Invite annual presentation from Police Auditor/CRB				
Action 1.4	Support the work of other community organizations and institutions that further the mission of the HRC				
Task 1: □	Respond to funding requests and co-sponsorships				
Task 2: □	Respond to requests for endorsements (non-funding support: tabling joint statements, etc.)				
Task 3: □	Continue liaison building with Latino and immigrant organizations: Integration Network and others				
Task 4: □	Attend at least one Neighborhood Leaders Council meeting to provide an update on HRC workplan and discuss opportunities for collaboration.				

Task 5: □	Identify and implement one opportunity for collaboration on a human rights issue with neighborhood		
	associations.		
Task 6: □	Raise awareness of HRC within community (ie. MLK March)		
Task 7: □	Determine partners and annual theme for International Human Rights Day, delegate planning	8/2014	

	Objective 2: Respond to and address hate and bias activity, including systemic and individual racism. Leads: Mary Clayton, Debra Merskin Delegated To Timeline Events					
	Support: Andrew Thomson, Phil Carrasco			LVCIICS		
Action 2.1	Increase HRC and Council awareness of hate and bias activity; coordinate responses in					
	collaboration with community.					
Task 1: □	Receive quarterly reports from EPD and Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement staff					
Task 2: □	Provide feedback to Council on trends and areas of concern					
Task 3: □	Develop specific roles for HRC response and plan of action to execute when incidents occur					
Task 4: □	Conduct outreach and establish relationships with vulnerable populations					
Action 2.2	Review local data sources to identify indicators of systemic racism					
Task 1: □	Review the Equity and Opportunity Assessment					
Task 2: □	Identify opportunities to provide input utilizing the Equity and Opportunity Assessment					
	when advising					
Action 2.3	Develop policy for engagement between the HRC and Police Auditor					
Task 1: □	Meet with the auditor to learn more about the auditor process and share the human rights					
	perspective					
Task 2: \square	Communicate to interested community members the auditor's function as it relates to					
	human rights					
Task 3: \square	Work with Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement staff to ensure there is a feedback					
	loop between the community and the auditor's office					
Task 4: \square	Continue to provide HRC liaison to the Civilian Review Board					
Action 2.4	Propose International Human Rights Day theme on Racism and Discrimination					
Task 1: □	Seek full HRC approval for the theme during the August meeting					
Task 2: □	Plan and execute the event in early December 2015					

Leads: Richie Support:	Weinman, Jennifer Frenzer, Ken Neubeck	Delegated To	Timeline	Events
Action 3.1	Monitor, advise and advocate on ways to respond to poverty and homelessness			
Task 1:	Advise Council on pressing issues and support/advocate for City efforts to implement Housing First Model			
Task 2:	Monitor activities of the Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board and the Human Services Commission			
Action 3.2	Address civil and human rights of people who are homeless			
Task 1:	Request collaboration with EPD to compile data on crimes committed against people who are homeless, including bias crimes, and share data with HRC			
Task 2:	Continue work on protected class designation for homeless under Criminal Code Intimidation 2 and the Human Rights Ordinance			
Task 3:	Move forward on local homeless bill of rights community education, outreach, and build alliances with CALC and other community groups			
Task 4:	Identify local laws and policies that criminalize homelessness and/or create barriers to survival and ally-build for change			
Action 3.3	Assess progress and obstacles in responding to homelessness and crafting shelter solutions			
Task 1:	Complete assessment and track Opportunity Eugene task force on homelessness recommendations			
Task 2:	Examine obstacles to increased shelter solutions			
Task 3:	Assess currently available emergency and transitional housing to identify gaps in meeting human rights needs			
Action 3.4	Expanding effectiveness of shelter programs			
Task 1:	Advocate for expansion of car camping and other effective shelter programs			
Task 2:	Research and identify composition of unhoused population, with focus on unmet needs of unhoused children and youth			

Potential Future Work

Objective 2 Work Group-Identified Potential Tasks

• Support anti-bullying efforts in schools

Objective 3 Work Group-Identified Potential Tasks

• Consider creating liaison to the Human Services Commission

Potential Human Rights Commission Events

Janua	ry
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Febru	ary
	Asian Celebration
March	1
	•
April	
	DisOrient Film Festival
	Take Back the Night
May	
	The Archaeology Channel Film Festival
June	
July	
Augus	st
	Pride
	Peace and Pie in the Park
Septe	mber
•	International Day of Peace
0.1.1	
Octob	er
Nove	mber
	Transgender Awareness Week/Day of Remembrance
Decer	nber

International Human Rights Day

Name of Group	Description	Time Commitment	Currently Held By and When Appt.				
LIA	LIAISONS FROM HRC TO OTHER BOARDS, COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Police Commission	Mission: The Police Commission mission is to recommend to the City Council, the City Manager, the Police Department, and the people, the resources, preferred policing alternatives, policies and citizens' responsibilities needed to achieve a safe community. We strive to create a climate of mutual respect and partnership between the community and the Police Department that helps achieve safety, justice and freedom for all people in Eugene.	Meets monthly 2 nd Thursday, 5:30 – 8:30 p. This has a term of 4 years or as long as a single commissioner term - typically 3 years.	Edward Goehring, Back up: Ken Neubeck				
Community Development Block Grant	Info: Eugene receives federal funds which are awarded to agencies that support a variety of community needs related to housing and other issues. During an annual competitive process, applicants vie for CDBG funding for specific projects.	2 hour monthly meetings typically during 6 months out of the year, when they are working on funds distribution and projects. Additional meetings and trainings throughout the year as necessary. 1 year term with possibility to serve 3 terms.	Chris Nunes Back up: Philip Carrasco				
Council Liaison	City Councilor Liaison from HRC to City Council	1 year, appointed by Mayor	Councilor Evans				
Meet with City Manager and Mayor	Mayor and City Manager meet with HRC Chairs and Equity and Human Rights staff	2 hours quarterly	Chair and Vice Chair				

Civilian Review Board	To increase public transparency and public confidence in the police complaint process. We evaluate the work of the independent Police Auditor, from a civilian perspective, about whether the complaint was handled fairly and with due diligence.	Meets monthly, 2 nd Tuesday, 3 hours	Primary: Mary Clayton Back up: Debra Merskin
E&HR Board	Help guide the work of the DESP	2 hour meetings every other month - daytime	Primary: Phil Carrasco Back Up: VACANT
Accessibility Advisory Group		Meets September-May 2 hour meetings, daytime	Primary: Andrew Thomson
LIA	ISONS FROM OTHER BOARDS, O	OMMITTEES OR COM	MMISSIONS TO HRC
Eugene Police Dept.	Provide public safety services to the community		Lt. Jennifer Bills jennifer.y.bills@ci.eugene.or.us
Human Resources			Becky Dewitt Becky.l.dewitt@ci.eugene.or.us
Civilian Review Board	To increase public transparency and public confidence in the police complaint process. We evaluate the work of the independent Police Auditor, from a civilian perspective, about whether the complaint was handled fairly and with due diligence.		
Sustainability Commission Liaison	The Sustainability Commission works to create a healthy community now and in the future by proposing measurable solutions to pressing environmental, social and economic		

concerns to the City of Eugene, its	
partners and its people.	

Reports are expected from liaisons to keep the full HRC updated on any issues with the groups you are working with. You are representing the Commission, so please check in with the group.

Objective Leads

Leads assume the following roles to help the HRC accomplish its work plan:

- Administration
- Coordinating participation with community
- Moving the work forward and tracking progress
- · Reporting back to the full HRC
- Meeting requirements

Administration:

Leads are responsible for coordinating with staff to ensure that meetings are compliant with public meetings and records law. This includes ensuring that the meetings are properly noticed on the Public Meetings Calendar, ensuring that minutes are taken and submitted to staff, and making sure that all meetings are accessible.

- Notice of a meeting must be submitted to staff with a draft agenda by no later than the Wednesday before the meeting at 10 am. If an emergency meeting is requested with less notice available contact staff as soon as possible.
- Minutes must be taken at the meeting and should be submitted to staff via email within one week of meeting time
- All meetings must be held in an accessible location, please contact staff if you have any doubts or concerns.

Coordinating participation with community:

Leads are responsible for inviting stakeholders from the community who would further the work of the group to the meetings and working with staff and the whole HRC to identify groups and individuals who may be interested in participating.

Moving the work forward and tracking progress

Leads will proactively strategize to accomplish the tasks in the work plan including:

- Forecasting and scheduling work including meetings and events
- Working with group members to identify opportunities for collaboration
- Requesting staff support when necessary for research, contacts, etc.
- Documenting progress and ensuring that work on the tasks is moving forward

Reporting back to the full HRC

Leads commit to recording and reporting progress back to the full HRC at least quarterly. Reports back to the full HRC should include the following details:

• When the group met

- Which stakeholders have been involved in the work
- Upcoming events relevant to the tasks
- Specific work completed on the tasks
- Any requests for help, input, etc. from the full HRC
- Any requests for endorsement of work or communications from the whole HRC

Meeting Requirements

- The leads for each Objective need to meet at least once before the HRC meeting in September to forecast their tentative schedule for the year, formulate a list of stakeholders they are considering for partnership, and any relevant deadlines they will encounter
- The groups must convene at least four times before the end of the work plan

Facts at a Glance: Political Campaigning and the Human Rights Commission

Here are the basics for Human Rights Commissioners to abide by the law during election season regarding any issue on the ballot or candidate running for office. Please follow the link below for full details. Contact staff with any questions or concerns.

City Resources

No city resources may be used to advocate for or against a ballot measure or candidate including:

- Staff time
- Printers
- Paper
- Ink
- Meeting space

Official Capacity

The law applies to appointed board and commission members when they are acting in their official capacity, for example:

- At a meeting of the board or commission
- Working on a duty assigned by the board or commission
- Working on official publications (including website materials) for the board or commission
- Appearing at an event in an official capacity
- Utilizing their title as a commissioner or chair person

Personal Time

A commissioner may advocate on personal time when they are:

- Using personal or non-public resources
- Not identifying themselves in their commissioner role

Elections Division's Manual on Political Campaigning by Public Employees:

http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/restrictions.pdf